

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 479
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach Lamar Rogers
of the Clarkrange High School girls' basketball
team.

A TRIBUTE TO THE COACH

In twenty years of coaching
You've achieved what few have done;
Your losses only ninety-two,
Six hundred two you've won

You teach your team the basics,
And then you somehow manage;
With dedication and hard work,
To always "do some damage."

Thirteen times you took them to
State Tournament competition;
Six times you brought home the crown,
With your winning tradition.

You set a good example
For the ladies that you guide;
A reflection of your character
Can be seen in your team's pride.

Your name is legendary,
You're among the very best;
You always have your team prepared,
To face the toughest test.

But more important than the wins,
The glory or the fame;
Is the way that you prepare your girls,
For life's much tougher game.

Bill Bowden, *Fentress Courier* Editor

WHEREAS, hundreds of supporters, former and present players, fellow coaches, educators, faculty members and family members turned out on Saturday, March 23, 1996, at Clarkrange High School, to specially honor Coach Lamar Rogers; and

WHEREAS, highly regarded Coach Lamar Rogers, in his twenty years as coach and mentor at Clarkrange, has become one of the winningest coaches in the nation with a great 602-92 record, an excellent percentage of .867; and

WHEREAS, his teams have enjoyed a consistent record of success that has rarely been approached, with six state championships in 1983 (35-2), 1984 (34-5), 1985 (33-3), 1990 (33-2), 1991 (31-5) and 1995 (35-3); thirteen state tournament appearances, sixteen substate appearances, and twenty trips to the semifinals of their Regional Tournament; and

WHEREAS, under his dynamic leadership, Clarkrange has averaged an incredible thirty wins a season and has never come close to having a losing record; and

WHEREAS, his wife Karen, daughter Pamela, son Alvin, grandfather Elda Rogers, and sister Brenda Pierce, have provided unending support; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to specially salute the numerous accomplishments of a coach without equal; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and commend Coach Lamar Rogers and wish him well in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Coach Rogers and to the school, with this final clause omitted from such copy.